

Munsiff-Magistrate there. You say that if Government cannot do this, the powers of the police be reduced by converting the charging station at Paravur into an outpost. I quite understand why you do not want people to be charged; you want the people who are charged to be taken before the Magistrate immediately. But there is also the police point for consideration, namely, the man who has committed a crime should be charged and locked up. You have to consider this point also before you advocate the reduction of the Paravur police charging station into an out-post. Further, when you go to the people, they do not say that they do not require this station; the great majority of the people are content with it.

110. Needs of the Quilon taluk. Group II.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Member, Quilon taluk, Group II*) said that between Quilon and Mukhattala, there was already a six feet trace. It should be widened and converted into a public road as there would be much wheeled traffic on account of the importance of the locality. The people were prepared to surrender the lands required for the purpose without compensation. The road from the sub-registrar's office at Kundara leading to the Kanjirankod landing was very dangerous and should be widened as there was heavy traffic along that road. The road from the western side of the sub-registrar's office to the Kallada-Kundara road was not properly maintained. It should also be improved by constructing one or two culverts. A road from the 6th mile, 2nd furlong, of the Quilon-Shencotta road to Puyapalli *via* Nedumankavu would open up the country and develop the agricultural resources of the locality. A bridge at the Tevalli landing was of the utmost importance and should be arranged for without delay. The waters in that portion of the backwater were very deep and many children from the other side of the backwater had to cross over to Quilon to attend school.

In regard to the agricultural needs, the following works had to be undertaken:—

(i) Sluices and culverts at the southern and western outlets of the Kundaman *chira* in Adichanallur *pakuthi* had to be provided so that the *chira* might be of use for irrigating the adjoining paddy fields. The water collected in the *chira* was now being wasted.

(ii) The East Kallada *pakuthi* was a water-logged area, and it was particularly so when the Kallada river was in floods. The damage caused to the crops by flood water could be averted if a channel was constructed across the Paricheri hill to drain away the water into the Ashtamudi lake.

(iii) The Chittumala *chira* was a natural reservoir which could be made use of for irrigating the surrounding area. A scheme for the proper utilisation of the water collected in that *chira* should be prepared and worked out.

In a central place like Quilon, the opening of an agricultural school and farm would be very useful. Several places of minor importance had them. There were also sufficient facilities for opening a farm there.

In regard to medical relief, he said that a departmental or aided Ayurveda hospital and dispensary as also two or more *vaidyasalas* should be established in the Quilon town as the District Hospital was not found sufficient to meet the demands of the people.

A new railway station should be opened at Karikod, a place between Kundara and Quilon. The Trivandrum Express should halt at Kundara which was by no means an unimportant station.

The place where the Kundara Police out-post was established was out-of-the-way. It would be more useful to the people should it be shifted to some site nearer the Kundara railway station.

The Stationary Magistrate's court at Quilon was inconveniently located. It was far away both from the District Court and other offices. It should be shifted to the premises of the District Court.

The Public Offices at Quilon were located in the old buildings. The crowding of several offices there was a great inconvenience. Additional accommodation should therefore be provided by constructing additional buildings.

There was formerly a sub-registrar's office at Chattannur. This was shifted to Paravur when the Magistrate's court-house became available. But Chattannur was a more central place and it should be given back the sub-registrar's office which it once had.

The Member then urged the establishment of a *vishavaidyasala* at Kilikollur and the sinking of a well in the Kannanallur market.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman Pillai, your first point is the conversion of the trace from Quilon to Mukhattala into a public road. You know it involves a great deal of expenditure, and the land-owners are not prepared to give their lands free and the local people are not willing to take it up under the Ryots' Roads Rules. Nevertheless, the Public Works Department is preparing an estimate to gravel and convert the trace into a cart road for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The Chief Engineer tells me that he will take up the improvement of the other portions. Whatever can be done will be done gradually year by year as funds are available. That is the only course open in view of the unwillingness of the people of the place to give the Government a helping hand in the matter.

2. Your next point is the widening and improving of the road from the sub-registrar's office, Kundara, to Kanjirankod landing. This has been pressed upon the Government for the last two years and an estimate has been obtained for a sum of four or five thousand rupees. This will be provided in the next year's budget, if funds are available.

3. The third point is the improvement and maintenance of the road from the western side of the Kundara sub-registrar's office to the Kallada-Kundara road. Here too, the estimate shows that the work will cost about Rs. 2,000; but the matter is not of any great urgency and must stand over until more pressing works are carried out.

4. In the matter of the road from Quilon-Shencotta road, 6th mile, 2nd furlong, to Puyapalli *via* Nedumankavu, I see that this has come up before the Assembly in the past, at five or six sessions. It is considered that the road will serve a useful purpose and open up the country. The Chief Engineer will arrange for an investigation without delay.

5. Then you come to Tevalli bridge. You have heard what I said just a little while ago in reply to Mr. V. Raman Pillai.

6. Regarding sluices and culverts at the southern and western outlets of the Kuntaman *chira* in Adichanallur *pakuthi*, I can only say that they will be considered along with the general question of the improvement of minor irrigation works in the taluk. The question of opening a tunnel across Paricheri hill near Koduvila and the utilisation of the water in the Chittumala *chira* for irrigation also came up before the Assembly on five previous occasions. The latter point was represented by Mr. V. Raman Pillai. What I said in respect of it holds good here too.

7. As you know, it is proposed to open an agricultural school at Kottarakara. The purpose of an agricultural school at Quilon will probably be served to some extent when that is opened. It is a matter that has been proceeded with for some time and will possibly be ready for Government sanction before long.

8. Under medical relief, you want an Ayurveda hospital and *vaidyasala* there. The duty of medical relief within municipal limits rests primarily with municipalities, and I would suggest that you move the Quilon Municipality to undertake this responsibility.

9. Your prayer that a new railway station should be opened at Karikod and that the Trivandrum Express should halt at Kundara will be remitted to our Railway Adviser, for examination; and if he is in agreement with you, I shall take it up and address the South Indian Railway authorities in the matter.

10. In regard to the transfer of the police out-post to somewhere near the Kundara railway station, the Commissioner of Police agrees with you that a better location for an out-post would undoubtedly be somewhere nearer the railway station, as proposed by you. Unfortunately, there is no building available near the

railway station for the purpose and it will cost some money to build one there. This too must stand over till more urgent needs are met. We cannot do everything at once.

11. In regard to removing the Quilon Stationary Magistrate's court to the premises of the District Court, you know that this formed one of the items placed before the committee on the subject of accommodation to public offices at Quilon. They reported on the matter and the Chief Engineer has been addressed on the subject of structural alterations to be made to the Sub-registrar's office and to the District Registrar's office to effect a transfer.

12. The question of additional accommodation for the Quilon public offices generally is a large question which is engaging the attention of the Government.

13. You referred next to the removal of the Sub-registrar's office at Paravur to Chattannur. As you are aware, the transfer from Chattannur to Paravur was carried out after very careful consideration and now to go back to the old order of things is not quite easy; and I am afraid, for the present, at any rate, the office will have to remain where it is.

14. What you say about the well in the Kannanallur market will be taken up immediately. The Director of Ayurveda will be consulted about the need for a *vishavaidyasala* at Kilikollur.

111. Needs of the East Kallada Pakuthi.

MR. V. S. PADMANABHAN NAIR (*Member, Nominated*) represented the need for rendering the five furlongs of road near Mutiraparambu on the Kundara-Mutiraparambu road fit for cart traffic. It was now in a very deplorable condition and the money spent on annual maintenance was being wasted.

The one boat stationed at Mutiraparambu ferry was inadequate to satisfy the demands of the large crowds that daily crossed the river; and it was necessary to provide another ferry boat.

The opening of a road from Sinkarapalli to East Kallada market, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long, should be sanctioned immediately, having regard to the vast population it would serve and the inconveniences now experienced.

The rain water from the taluks of Kottarakara and Pattanapuram and a greater portion of Quilon taluk flowed into the Chittumala *chira* and thence overflowing its banks destroyed the crops in East Kallada. The construction of a channel at Kottavatukkal to divert the water to the Kumbalattukayal was expected to be taken up in Vrischikam 1101, but nothing had been done. This work should be expedited so that further damage might be prevented. The level of the Tottikara anicut should be raised by $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet so that it might be useful for irrigation.

The Muzhiyil culverts should be repaired immediately. The height should be raised and the watercourses enlarged. Sliding doors should also be provided for regulating the supply of water. The banks also should be strengthened.

A *vaidyasala* should be established at Koduvila for the benefit of the people of Koduvila, Sinkarapalli, Paracheri and Kottuvila *paruthies*.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Padmanabhan Nair, in regard to the conversion of the road near Mutiraparambu on the Kundara-Mutiraparambu road into a public road, let me tell you that the present road is being maintained at a cost of Rs. 25 a mile. If it is converted into a cart road, the maintenance charge will be higher. And for this change, it must serve some useful purpose. I do not think a cart road is useful to the people at present; it is a blind road and leads nowhere. It ends in an alley. But still if you want it to be improved, the Chief Engineer will be requested to investigate the matter.

2. Your next point relates to ferry boats. There is already a ferry boat and a man there. Before a second ferry boat is provided, it must be ascertained from the Dewan Peishkar whether any additional facilities are necessary.